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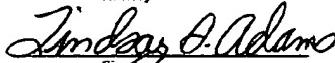
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : H. Kenneth Staffin  
Serial No. : 09/663,995      Examiner: A. Doroshenk  
Filed: September 18, 2000      Group Art Unit: 1764  
For: FLUIDIZED BED GAS DISTRIBUTOR SYSTEM FOR ELEVATED TEMPERATURE OPERATION

AMENDMENT

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March 17, 2003.

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Date of Signature  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002, Applicants submit herewith an amendment for entry into the above-identified file along with a petition for a two (2) month extension of time.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-11.

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